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COSMETIC OR DERMATOLOGICAL COMPOSITION IN THE FORM OF A GEL, CONTAINING IN A MIXTURE AN ASSOCIATIVE COPOLYMER, A SURFACTANT AND A

CONDITIONING AGENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, lines 1 and 2, delete "either one of the preceding claims" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claims 4, 5, and 6, lines 1 and 2 of each, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claims 7, 8, 10, and 12, line 1 of each, delete "any one of Claims 1 to 5" and insert -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 14, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert -- Claim 1 --.